

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of November 7, 2006 in the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer and Amendment of the specification, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment, page 25, lines 11-25 of the present specification are amended to delete the sentence "In response to the signal from the ink cartridge QA chip that the ink is nearly depleted, controller board 82 activates indicator LED 138 to inform the user that another refill is necessary".

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding Specification Objection

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to page 25 of the present specification cancels the new matter indicated by the Examiner.

Regarding Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

With respect to the provisional non-statutory double patenting rejection of pending claims 1-6 over claims 1-7 of copending Application No. 11/442,178, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is being submitted herewith; the present application and Application No. 11/442,178 being commonly owned by the Applicant.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

Regarding Claim 1

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claim 1 is not taught or suggested by newly cited Komplin et al. (US 6,199,977) in view of newly cited Reed et al. (US 6,585,348) and previously cited Kakutani, for at least the following reasons.

Pending independent claim 1 clearly recites that the body of the cradle is configured to receive an inkjet cartridge which has a pagewidth printhead and ink supply, and that upon receipt, terminal connections between the cradle and inkjet cartridge are made so that the cradle and cartridge together form an inkjet printer.

On the other hand, Komplin specifically discloses that the cartridge body 10 (used by the Examiner as the claimed cradle) contains the printheads 14 and that the cartridge body is configured to receive ink cartridges 12. Further, in Komplin the cartridge body itself needs to be further mounted to a printer carriage of an inkjet printer (see col. 1, lines 32-55 and col. 2, line 65-col. 3, line 30 of Komplin). Thus, contrary to the Examiner's contentions, the receipt of the ink cartridges into the cartridge body does not result in the formation of an inkjet printer, as is required by pending independent claim 1.

Furthermore, Reed merely discloses print head cartridges 80a-d which are mounted to a printer 10 (see col. 4, line 66-col. 5, line 23 of Reed). Therefore, like Komplin, the cartridges of Reed need to be mounted to a printer.

Further still, as discussed by the Applicant in the Replies to the previous Office Actions, Kakutani merely discloses the printer 20 contains the ink ejection heads 44-50 and receives the ink cartridge 43 (see paragraphs [0202] and [0210] of Kakutani).

Thus, there is no combination of Komplin, Reed and Kakutani which would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to provide an inkjet printer cradle as recited in the presently claimed invention.

Regarding Claims 2-6

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending dependent claims 2-5 and pending independent claim 6 is not taught or suggested by Komplin, Reed and Kakutani further in view of previously cited Silverbrook '952 and/or Silverbrook '513, because Silverbrook '952 merely discloses an arrangement in which the print engine 500 is integrally provided with the printhead 516 (see Fig. 3 of Silverbrook '952) and Silverbrook '513 is silent as to the arrangement by which the printhead assembly 1 is mounted to a printer (see abstract of Silverbrook '513), and therefore do not make up for the above-discussed deficiencies in Komplin, Reed and Kakutani.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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